IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of:

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculation of fees, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement paragraph beginning at page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.